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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, NO R/130/1/75/MP, DATED JAN 29, 1975. ON SUBJECT "PURCHASE OF VESSELS FOR THE INDONESIAN NAVY." THE NOTE WAS ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR AND SIGNED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY GENERAL M. PANGGABEAN. ITS CONTENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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AND SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA PRESENTS ITS

COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN JAKARTA AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA DESIRES TO PURCHASE FOR CASH UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM BOTH NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AND USED SHIPS FOR THE INDONESIAN NAVY.

2. THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SHIPS DESIRED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NEW CONSTRUCTION: THREE OR FOUR DESTROYER ESCORTS OF THE SIZE (1200-1600 TONS DISPLACEMENT) AND GENERAL CONFIGURATION OF THE DE "COURTNEY" CLASS OR EQUIVALENTS. IT IS DESIRED THAT THESE SHIPS HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

1. GUNS: THE MAIN BATTERY SHOULD BE OF A 120 MM CALIBER (4.5 INCH), PREFERABLY BOFORS MADE. THE SECONDARY BATTERY SHOULD BE TWIN 40 MM GUNS, PREFERABLY BOFORS MADE.
2. ANTI SUBMARINE WARFARE CAPABILITY: EACH SHIP SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH ANTISUBMARINE ROCKETS.
3. TORPEDO LAUNCHER: EACH SHIP SHOULD HAVE TWO TRIPLE TUBE TORPEDO LAUNCHERS.
4. MISSILE LAUNCHERS: EACH SHIP SHOULD HAVE A MISSILE LAUNCHER SYSTEM CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING SSM AND SAM
5. HELICOPTER CAPABILITY (LAMBS): EACH SHIP MUST BE PROVIDED WITH A HELICOPTER LANDING DECK AND HANGER AND BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING AND STORING ONE HELICOPTER AT A TIME.
6. MAIN PROPULSION: THE MAIN PROPULSION OF EACH VESSEL SHOULD BE EITHER A COMBINATION OF DIESEL AND/OR GAS TURBINE (CODAG/CODOG) OR COMBINATION OF GAS OR GAS TURBINE (COGOG), WITH THE CODOG SYSTEM PREFERRED. EACH SHIP SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH TWO SHAFTS.
7. SPEED: EACH SHIP SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF A CRUISING SPEED OF 20 KNOTS AND A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 30-35 KNOTS.

B. USED SHIPS:

1. THREE OR FOUR DESTROYERS OF THE FORREST SHERMAN/GEARING CLASS OR DESTROYER ESCORTS OF THE GARCIA CLASS OR SHIPS OF AN EQUIVALENT TYPE.

2. ONE OR TWO SUBMARINES OF THE BARBEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLASS OR SUBMARINES WHICH HAVE UNDERGONE THE GUPPY III PROGRAM.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA I.C. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY DESIRES TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE NEW SHIPS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1975 WITH DELIVERY DATES BETWEEN MARCH 1978 AND APRIL 1979. PURCHASE OF THE USED VESSELS, ON A CONCESSIONAL BASIS, IS DESIRED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. THE USED SHIPS ARE

INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM CAPABILITY PENDING
DELIVERY OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SHIPS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INFORMATION AS TO THE
PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF THE VESSELS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."
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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THE EMBASSY HAD PASSED
TO HANKAM A DRAFT SAMPLE NOTE AS MEANS OF ACCELERATING
GOI ACTION AND INSURING THE PROPER FORM TO MEET US
NEEDS FOR A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE GOI CONCERNING
ITS DESIRE TO PURCHASE SHIPS. THE DRAFT SAMPLE NOTE
SHOWED THE SENDER AS THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. GENERAL
PANGGABEAN EVIDENTLY PREFERRED TO SEND IT FROM HIS
OWN DEPARTMENT, WITH A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE CONSIDER IT TO BE NO LESS AN
OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE VIEWS OF THE GOI THAN IF
IT HAD COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
IN FACT IT SIMPLY REFLECTS THE REAL DISTRIBUTION OF
POWER IN THE GOI AND IS EVEN MORE AUTHORITATIVE THAN
IF IT HAD COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
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